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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Invitation to Speak to the Board of the
National Council For U.S.-China Trade


*Jim -
Good
I strongly
approve
CSB*

1. On 6 May Ambassador Chris Phillips, who is President of the National Council for U.S.-China Trade (NCUSCT), telephoned me and asked me to do a briefing on the current situation in China for the Board of Directors of the NCUSCT. Twelve to 15 people of the Board will probably come and this will include leaders of the American business community, David Rockefeller, etc. The briefing would be on June 14th in Washington, would last about one half hour plus questions and would be at 1030 in the morning.

2. Ambassador Phillips said that Dick Solomon of the NSC had done this last year and his presentation was well received but Phillips said he would like me to handle it this time. I said that I would check this out with my superiors and would let him know but I believed that they would probably view this favorably.

3. I will not use highly sensitive information but will weave analysis and reports into my presentation obscuring sources and methods.

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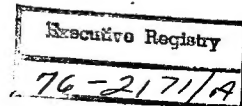
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Dear Mr. Weatherbee,

I hope to be in Maine through Labor Day. I notice that you prefer the end of September, but I'm afraid that I will not be able to get back to the Kennebunkport area once I leave after Labor Day.

If you would be interested in my doing something during the first week in September, I would be glad to consider it, though my plans have not been firmed up yet. I'm flattered that you would want me to speak there.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ George Bush
George Bush

Mr. Artemus E. Weatherbee
Executive Director
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May 3, 1976

Mr. George Bush
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington DC 20505

Dear Mr. Bush,

This is to confirm the invitation I extended to you through your office when I was in Washington a few days ago. The Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Chamber of Commerce would like very much to have you as its speaker at its annual meeting in September. Though we usually meet the last week in September, we would arrange the meeting any day in September convenient to you. It was our thought that you might be visiting in Kennebunkport again this summer and perhaps could work us into your schedule at that time. This would be helpful because, regretfully we have no funds for speakers' travel expenses or fees.

The Chamber here has over two hundred members and the annual meeting is open to spouses and friends. We had a capacity crowd for Governor Longley who was our speaker last year, and would expect another full house for you.

As to subject matter, some here think that your observations on your China tour would be of great interest. I would concur, having served in Asia myself as Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank in Manila. However, the choice of subject would be strictly yours.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Artemus E. Weatherbee

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Executive Director

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